

April 17, 2019

## **VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Updating the Intercarrier Compensation Regime to Eliminate Access

Arbitrage, WC Docket No. 18-155

Dear Secretary Dortch:

This is in reference to HD Tandem's Notice of Ex Parte filed in the above referenced proceeding on April 8, 2019.

Pursuant to the Commission's permit but disclose rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206 (b)(ii), as well as the Commission's rule on confidential submissions contained in 47 C.F.R. § 0.459, HD Tandem hereby requests leave to submit a copy of the HD Tandem/AT&T Corp. Master Services Agreement (the "Agreement") to the Commission confidentially in order to provide further support for the matters discussed in its Notice of Ex Parte.

The Agreement should be treated as confidential and not made available for public inspection because it contains the parties' proprietary network information and negotiated pricing information. The disclosure of such information would be tantamount to revealing HD Tandem's pricing strategy and, as such, could be affirmatively used by competitors of HD Tandem's to undercut its rates or cause customers to demand the rates negotiated with AT&T. In addition, the agreement has been designated by the parties as confidential, treated by the parties as confidential, and not disclosed to third-parties. HD Tandem requests that the Commission maintain it as confidential for the remainder of the above referenced proceeding and be returned to HD Tandem upon its conclusion. Moreover, should a public request for the Agreement be made pending the Commission's determination of the confidentiality of the Agreement, HD Tandem requests the Agreement be returned to it and that such disclosure not be made.

With this request HD Tandem submits a redacted version of this document.

Respectfully submitted,

David Erickson President

Enclosure